

HOUSE RESOLUTION 50

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Janet Wirth Pickler.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Janet Wirth Pickler; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pickler was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 31, 1934, in Penn Yan, New York, Janet Pickler was the daughter of the late John G. and Ruth Meade Wirth and she received her undergraduate education at Genesco State University before completing graduate studies in speech pathology at Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pickler served with acumen and alacrity as a professor of speech at Pfeiffer College, located near Richfield, North Carolina, for thirty-five years, and in that position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the superlative quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Janet Pickler gained distinction as the only woman from Stanly County to serve as a state legislator, and for her service to the State of North Carolina she was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pickler's public life included eighteen years of service on the Stanly County Board of Election, eight years of which she served as chair; and

WHEREAS, locally, Janet Pickler volunteered for Meals on Wheels and for Stanly County Hospice, which named her Volunteer of the Year in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pickler was a cherished member of Kendalls Baptist Church, in which she taught the Senior Ladies Sunday School class for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Janet Pickler was deeply devoted to her family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order. She is survived by her husband Eugene; her daughters, Audrey, Sara, and Eva; her grandchildren, Rachel, Garrett, and Christina; and her brother John E. Wirth, and his wife, Sue; and

WHEREAS, Janet Wirth Pickler leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Janet Wirth Pickler, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Janet Wirth Pickler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.